

## Abdication of Romanian King Has No Significance—Nation Already Ruled by Communists

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

Young King Mihai's abdication of his throne has no mysterious significance for Romania already under the domination of Moscow and he was monarch in name only by the grace of the Bolsheviks until he had served their purpose and they were ready to elect another Red republic.

Mihai's personal tragedy merely represents the final step in the grand coup which the Russians have executed in taking over Romania for, in all intents, it is now a part of the Soviet empire. And they've secured a fine prize.

Romania is rich agriculturally, as is testified by her great fields of corn and other grains, and she has petroleum, perhaps a doubtful asset for a small country with powerful neighbors. But she is even more important strategically.

Not only does Romania have a coastline on the black sea but she houses the mouths of the mighty Danube, which winds back across the Balkans and on into Central

Europe—a navigable river which is capable of handling heavy traffic and thus is one of the world's vital waterways—militarily and commercially. Moreover, she lies up against the Russian border, and thus her political complexion and international relations are of vast moment to Moscow.

The taking over of Romania is a prime example of the dogged persistence with which the Communists pursue the hunt. As far back as 1930 they were causing unrest in that country, and the authorities uncovered a widespread Soviet espionage organization. Some 140 alleged Red agents were arrested in various cities. These underground activities continued until the late war gave birth to the golden age of Bolshevism in Eastern Europe.

As we check up on former Romanian monarchs I'm afraid we can't give them perfect marks in stewardship and deportment. But Mihai who is only 26—just a youngster as kings go—has been showing a kind of character which endeared him to his people

## Aviation Story to Be Investigated

By ELTON C. FAY

Washington, Jan. 1.—(AP)—A controversy between the air force and a magazine involving the right to publish information considered secret by the military landed in the Justice Department today.

The air force referred to the government's legal branch for study the question of whether military security was concerned when the magazine Aviation Week printed a story last month reporting that experimental rocket plane S-1 had flown faster than sound at the Muroc, Calif., air base.

The air force had declined to discuss the story in any form. Earlier, Secretary of Defense Forrestal had invoked security regulations directed specifically at keeping secret data on the air force's high speed flight work.

Robert Holtz, news editor of the magazine, told a reporter a copy of the article was shown to an FBI agent before it was published. Asserting that the present case is a continuation of long standing disagreement over aviation security policy, Holtz said:

"Aviation Week takes the stand that the air force should adopt a uniform and realistic security policy."

and might have made him a great ruler if he had been given a chance. He has been so brave in trying to carry out his duties in the face of personal danger that one could understand the affection in which his subjects held him.

So far as courage goes, Mihai's colorful father has plenty of it, only he would seem to have directed too much of it in wrong directions. The former King Carol, now living in Portugal with his wife—she who was Magda Lupescu—will be recorded as one of the notable royal lovers of history. At the age of 21, during the first world war, Carol eloped with a Romanian provincial commoner, Zizi Lambrino, and married her, to the consternation of the whole country. He even wanted to abandon his rights to the throne but his father King Ferdinand, finally got the marriage annulled.

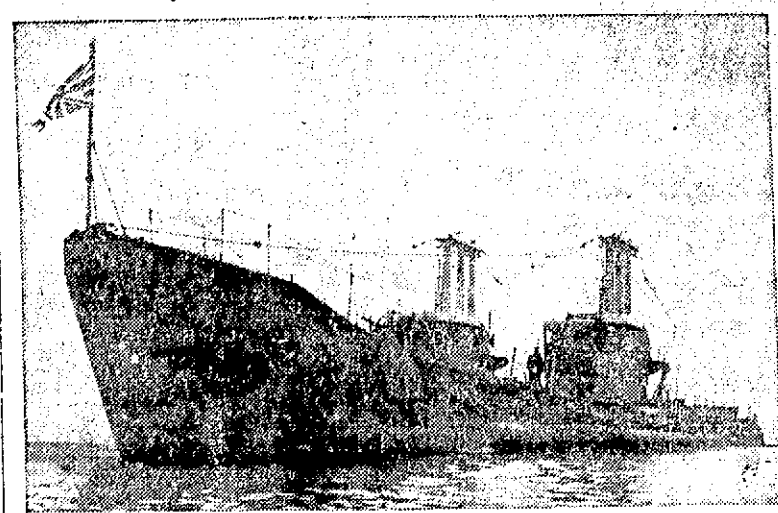
Then Carol married lovely Princess Helen of Greece and she is Mihai's mother. However, Carol soon fell violently in love with Madame Lupescu, abandoned his throne for her and was divorced by his wife. To give Carol credit, he has stuck to Magda through thick and thin, and they were married recently in Brazil when it seemed that she was about to die.

I fear me that Carol got his great-lover traits from his dad, King Ferdinand. A friend of mine who knew Ferdinand well told me that his majesty had a warm penchant for Romania's beautiful gypsy girls and was quite content to leave many affairs of state in the hands of his very able and world famous wife, the late Queen Marie.

Talking of love, of course it is natural that Mihai's reported desire to marry a Danish princess, Anne of Bourbon-Parma, should be coupled with his abdication. He is said to have requested the sanction of his government, and to have had it refused. However, there is no reason to believe that this had much, if anything to do with his surrender of the throne.

Mihai was forced out to make way for another sovereign—Communist totalitarianism.

## Sub Stays Submerged Several Weeks



Establishing a record for remaining underwater, the 1250-ton British submarine Alliance stayed submerged for "several weeks" during a recent cruise in African waters. The vessel, which carried a crew of 67, is pictured on its return to its base at Portsmouth, England.

## Things Looking Up



One of Uncle Sam's newest nephews, 1-year-old Norman Chastaney, looks as if he's going to like living in the U. S., as he arrives at LaGuardia Field, N. Y., from Frankfurt, Germany. His father, an ex-GI, went overseas to bring back his wife and son to live in Concord, N. H.

uniform and realistic security policy.

Robert H. Wood, editor of the magazine, said on December 21 that he had withheld the story from publication for several weeks at the request of air force officials. He added that he had decided to publish it when he learned the air force was preparing to release information that the S-1 had attained supersonic speed.

An air force spokesman said no such release was being prepared. There was no official immediate investigation might follow. A voluntary censorship code, agreed to by the nation's press and radio ended with the Japanese surrender in 1945. The magazine article said that the S-1 flew faster than sound more than a month earlier with Capt. Charles Yeager as pilot. Later, it said, the speed was duplicated on several occasions by Yeager and two test pilots of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, a governmental research agency.

The speed of sound is estimated to vary between about 600 and 900 miles an hour, depending on the altitude and temperature.

## Violence

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Haj Amin El Hussein, told reporters in Cairo he was "satisfied with Arab resistance" to the U. N. decision. He had just conferred with Premier Mahmoud Fahmy Nokrashy Pasha of Egypt.

Sporadic shooting occurred in the streets of Haifa during the morning and some 20 Jews and Arabs were reported wounded slightly.

Arabs in Jerusalem attacked Jewish buses three times, but no casualty was reported. Two Arabs attacked two British constables leaving a courtroom in Jatta. One of the Arabs was shot dead and the other ran.

In the old walled city of Jerusalem, police said Arabs had virtually isolated several hundred Jews and the Jewish burial society opened a new cemetery to avoid the necessity for long corteges, many of which have been shot up recently.

The rail line between Jaffa and Tel Aviv was blasted in four places by Jewish bombs and there was sporadic sniping in other parts of the Holy Land.

A Palestine government spokesman said he was "satisfied" that British naval forces had intercepted off the Palestine coast two large cargo vessels carrying approximately 15,000 visa-less Jews from southeastern Europe.

The spokesman said that the two vessels, manned by American Jewish crews, apparently had offered no opposition when asked to steer a course for Cyprus. He added that the refugees would be disembarked at Famagusta and taken to nearby detention camps.

Private sources reported that two army camps had been cleared for their reception.

A British Broadcasting Corporation broadcast, recorded by NBC, said the two ships docked at a Cyprus harbor this morning under escort of two British cruisers and five destroyers. The ships, the Pan York and Pan Crescent were still flying the flag of Panama, the BBC said.

Debarcation was reported started immediately without resistance from the Jews. British authorities were quoted as estimating it would take about three days to complete the debarcation operation.

## Judge Predicts Exact Score of Bowl Games

Little Rock, Jan. 1.—(AP)—The exact scores of five major football bowl games today are already known to Circuit Judge Lawrence Auten, and tomorrow he will prove it.

Anyhow, that's his story. The judge, a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians and the Society of American Magicians, yesterday placed in a sealed chest the "exact scores" of the Sugar, Orange, Dixie and Daffin bowl games.

The box was placed in the safe of the Little Rock club and the judge went duck hunting. Tomorrow, he proposes to have the club chairman open the chest and take from it the list containing exact scores of the games listed.

The secret is the chest, the magician-barrister admits. He said in his knowledge, only 11 of the "magical chest" in existence and that one had been used in "forecasting" a sporting event only once previously.

## Tornado

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edges of the town, doing major damage to the business section. More than 30 buildings were destroyed or seriously damaged, including a number of garages, a warehouse, a news stand, a wholesale establishment and a lumber yard.

Sixty persons in Haynesville were injured and treated at hospitals there.

One third of Cotton Valley was flattened, witnesses said. Dr. M. S. Browning, retired Cotton Valley doctor, said the tornado "sounded as if a huge flight of B-29 bombers was coming. Then it hit."

"The storm was over about five minutes after it hit," he said. "I looked out of the window and saw debris flying through the air and littering the streets."

National Guardsmen at Cotton Valley reported they had recovered ten bodies but that rescue work was badly hampered by a wind-driven rain and darkness. The town's electric power system was wrecked and an emergency power unit was sent from Minden La.

As Red Cross workers moved into the hard-hit area, Minden authorities sent a trainload of food to Cotton Valley and Barksdale Field authorities at Shreveport were rushing food, plasma and anti-torin into the area.

There were seven identified dead at Cotton Valley:

Howard Formby, 10; Clifton Yeates, 45; Charles Cox, 19; Hugh Clayton, 50; Doris Perkins, 4; Linda Gail Vowell, 3 months; and Mrs. Vince Vowell, 34.

Three other bodies from Cotton Valley were taken to Spring Hill, La. At Dykesville, La., Mrs. Lula McCuen, 84, was fatally injured. She died at a Haynesville hospital. Toby Haynes, about 35, superintendent of the Village Ark school, was killed when the tornado demolished the school gymnasium as he put 15 students through a basketball practice.

Another tornado hit ten miles northeast of Memphis, Tenn., at midnight and four members of one family there were reported missing. Several others were hurt and six buildings were destroyed.

And at Marianna, Ark., James Umfrees said a tornado destroyed "a number of houses and barns," injuring several persons at Marianna. He said the injured included his mother, Mrs. John Umfrees.

Marianna is in eastern Arkansas, about 60 miles from Memphis.

Tom Anderson, Cotton Valley bus station cafe cook, said the storm hit there about 4 p. m. (CST).

"I tore down pretty near all the buildings except the stores and the bus station. The storm came from the west. There was no warning. The sky was clear up until the time it hit. After it hit there came rain and howling winds that tore up the front side of the bus station. Most buildings were knocked flat," Anderson said.

Sleet and rain added to the misery in the stricken area. C. R. Crabtree, of Bossier City, La., who, with his wife and baby, were visiting at Cotton Valley, compared the noise of the tornado to a "flight of airplanes."

"I saw a blue cloud coming," he said, "I yelled that it was a cyclone and for everybody to lie flat on the floor."

He went outside to his car, he added while his wife and baby remained indoors. The tornado ripped all his clothes off him, Crabtree said, and left him standing naked. When he returned to the house, after seeing his car blown about 100 yards away, he found his wife had been injured and taken to a hospital.

W. R. Simpson of Cotton Valley said there were three families in his house when the twister struck. He said he heard a roar of wind and saw roofs flying through the air.

"Three gusts hit the house," he said. "The first shook it; the second broke open the front door, and the third took off the roof."

His daughter, Mrs. Vince Vowell, who lives some distance away, was killed when her house collapsed, as was her daughter, Linda Gail Vowell.

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## None Injured in Minor Plane Accident

Atlanta, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Twenty-one passengers were shaken up but none was injured seriously when an Eastern Air Lines plane collapsed its landing gear during a sudden squall at the Atlanta airport today.

The plane was thrust into the air while rolling down a runway. The frenzied gust then dropped the twin engined airliner against the pavement with such force that the wheels collapsed.

The kings of ancient Egypt were, in theory, the owners of all the land in the country.

## Roy Rogers Marries His Leading Lady

Davis, Okla., Jan. 1.—(AP)—After more than 20 movies of playing hero and heroine to each other, Roy Rogers, cowboy actor, and Dale Evans, his leading lady, made it official yesterday in a wedding ceremony at the Flying L Ranch owned by W. L. Likens, Oklahoma cattleman, near here.

It was no acting when the Hollywood couple was married before a mistletoe-banked mantle in the den of the sprawling ranch house. The vows were read by Rev. W. H. Alexander, Oklahoma City minister who may be the subject of a picture about himself before long.

To keep in style the minister wore the garb of a pioneer parson, black cutaway; flowing tie and black cowboy boots. Rogers yielded to the western motif only by wearing cowboy boots while Miss Evans stayed strictly with etiquette and left her cowgirl costumes in California.

Art Rush, Rogers' manager, served as best man while Mrs. Rush was matron of honor.

In the audience of approximately 40 persons were Oklahoma's Gov. and Mrs. Roy L. Turner, Actor Wayne Morris and Mrs. Morris and parents of both Rogers and Miss Evans.

Music for the ceremony started off with the preliminary songs of "Hereford Heaven," "The Old Flying L" and "Oklahoma Paradise," written by Governor Turner.

The couple will spend about two weeks honeymooning on the Flying L ranch.

## Weatherman Warns Freeze on the Way

Washington, Jan. 1.—(AP)—The Weather Bureau warns that freezing rain and sleet will make driving "hazardous" this afternoon and to-

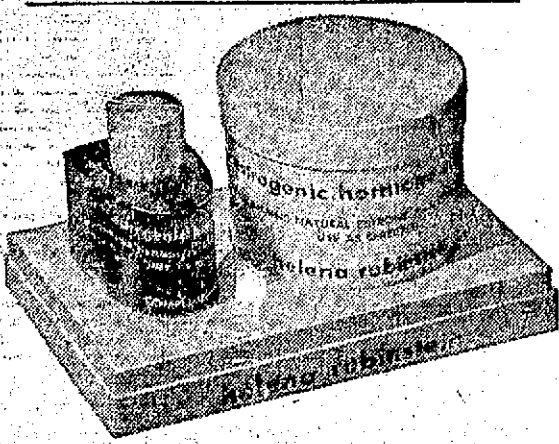
night in Southern and Western New York, northern New Jersey, and northeastern and extreme northern Pennsylvania.  
Light snow is expected in northeastern New York the bureau added.

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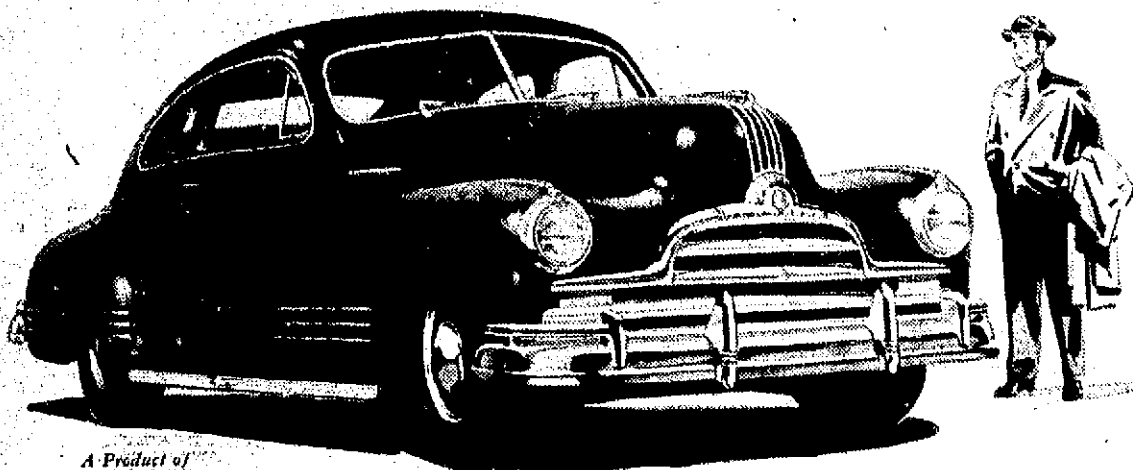
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# Social and Personal

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## Social Calendar

**NOTICE**  
The Luncheon of the United Daughters of the Confederacy announced for Thursday, January 1 has been postponed until Thursday, January 8. All members please note the change of date.

**NOTICE**  
The regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary scheduled for Thursday night, January 1 has been postponed indefinitely.

**NOTICE**  
The V.F.W. and Auxiliary New Years Watch Party has been postponed and will not meet Wednesday night as scheduled. All members note this change.

**NOTICE**  
The Rose Garden Club meeting scheduled for Friday, January 2 has been postponed until Friday, January 9. All members please note the change of date.

**Monday, January 5**  
Circle No. 2 of the W.S.C.S. of the First Methodist church will meet Monday afternoon at three o'clock at the home of Mrs. P. H. Webb on South Harvey Street with Mrs. Lon McLarty as associate hostess. Mrs. George Peck is circle leader.

**Coming and Going**  
Miss Helen Coon of Dallas, Texas who is employed in Aberdeen, Md., is the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Broyles here. Miss Coon was a former employee at the S.P.G.

Miss Nell Louise Broyles will leave Friday to return to her duties at Gallup, New Mexico. Miss Broyles is a member of the Gallup High School Teaching Staff.

## Hospital Notes

**Julia Chester**  
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Porterfield, Hope, announce the arrival of a daughter, Virginia Jo, December 31.

**Admitted:**  
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Mrs. J. C. Porterfield, Hope.  
James Whaley, Rt. 1, Hope.  
Patricia Ann Gray, Hope.  
**Discharged:**  
Mrs. J. E. Hobbs, Hope.  
Mrs. Roy L. Sutton and little son, Bobby Don, S.P.G., Hope.

**Josephine**  
**Admitted:**  
Mrs. London Yocom, Hope.  
John Clark, Lewisville.  
Mrs. A. L. Johnson, Hope.  
**Discharged:**  
Mrs. London Yocom, Hope.  
John Clark, Lewisville.

## India Factions Trying to Prevent War

New Delhi, Dec. 31 — (AP) — Competent officials of the dominion of India said today their government, "in an effort to avert war with Pakistan," will hail the Moslem dominion before the United Nations Security Council on charges that Pakistan is actively aiding tribal raiders in Kashmir.

"These officials, who declined to be identified by name, said Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru of India would make an official announcement to this effect within a few days and would discuss it fully at a news conference at that time.

Kashmir, a predominantly Moslem princely state in the extreme northern part of the subcontinent, last Oct. 27. The accession was announced in an official release of correspondence in which the Hindu

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**'Senator Cleghorn'**

in  
**'It's a Joke, Son'**

with  
Una Merkel  
June Lockhart  
Jimmy Conlan

## Here and There in Arkansas

Little Rock, Dec. 31 — (AP) — Twenty Arkansas highway construction contracts totaling \$2,750,000 — were ordered expedited today because of the litigation by county judges seeking an additional \$1,533,000 in state highway revenue.

The order was sent to contractors by Ark. Johnson, recently appointed chief engineer of the highway department. He said contractors had not met like starting the jobs until the litigation was settled by the supreme court.

The suit of the county judges is now under advisement by U.S. Circuit Court Judge Douglas. Chancellors V. Frank Douglas and Chancellors have announced intentions to appeal to the supreme court, regardless of the emergency decision.

Actually only four highway construction projects are being halted. No actual work would have been started moving, their equipment, particularly rock crushers, on the scene before then if the work or ders had not been recalled.

Little Rock, Dec. 31 — (AP) — Sub-freezing weather was scheduled to return to Arkansas tonight and tomorrow.

The anticipated low for the northern section tonight is from 24 to 28.

Hot Springs, Dec. 30 — (AP) — Former Mayor Leo J. McLaughlin probably will be tried the first week in February on one of several pending grand jury indictments against him. Prosecuting Attorney Sidney McMath has announced.

McMath said he was preparing for the trial but had not decided which charge he would press against the former Garland county political leader.

McLaughlin was acquitted at a recent trial of a charge of bribery.

Little Rock, Dec. 31 — (AP) — The state military department ordered the 154th Fighter Squadron, Arkansas National Guard, to cease flying over a certain area in North Little Rock.

The mother of a wartime army pilot who was killed in a crash in the area and the sound of planes disturbs her.

Little Rock, Dec. 31 — (AP) — Amic labor-management relations in 1948 in Arkansas were predicted today by labor leaders. In interviews, it was said by:

Walter H. Harris, National CIO organizer for Arkansas — "if management will meet us on a fair basis, we look forward to no labor disturbance."

C. W. Mowery, president of the Arkansas Federation of Labor — "to the best of my knowledge there were no strikes called in Arkansas by AFL unions in 1947 and we look forward to even better relations next year."

Conway, Dec. 31 — (AP) — A student pilot suffered a horse harm that landed a training plane on Highway 64 near Atkins, Ark., last night, ripping loose a power line on the way down.

But despite the fact that he was not injured, the pilot, Henry James Seager, 28, of Little Rock, an attendant at the North Little Rock (Fort Root) Veterans hospital, asserted:

"I'm through with this flying." Seager said he was returning from West Memphis on a cross country flight in a plane owned by a Little Rock Flying service when he ran into strong head winds and bypassed Little Rock, he noticed his gasoline supply was running short and decided he'd better land.

The highway offered him a smooth strip so close down he went. The wing of the plane was torn as it struck the power line but the craft, which bounced from the highway into a ditch, did not catch fire. Seager caught a ride into Conway and took a bus for Little Rock.

Electric power at Atkins and Russellville was reported disrupted for about two hours following severance of the power line.

Little Rock, Dec. 20 — (AP) — Plans for research functions of the recently established University of Arkansas Institute of Science and Technology are to be mapped in the first meeting of its advisory council at Fayetteville next week.

This was disclosed here by Dr. W. W. Grigoriuff, institute director, who conferred yesterday with officials of the university, school and was to meet with members of the Arkansas Resources and Development Commission today.

Little Rock, Dec. 31 — (AP) — Suggested projects for the University of Arkansas' new institute of research and technology have been listed by the state Resources and Development Commission.

The institute director, Dr. Q. W. Grigoriuff, who met with the commission, said he would submit the list of proposals to the advisory council, which includes deans of the university's colleges, at its first meeting next week.

Suggestions for study, advanced by the commission included: Mineral properties of clay in the Wilcox formation between Little Rock and Texarkana; Commercial possibilities of the state's titanium deposits; A more economical method of purification of water after it has been used by chemical industries; Additional marketing information for small businesses; Methods of disseminating research information already compiled on forest products.

Washington, Dec. 31 — (AP) — Stock of crude petroleum in Arkansas totaled 3,366,000 barrels on Dec. 30, an increase of 254,000 barrels above the total for the previous week, the Bureau of Mines has reported.

The total for northern Louisiana was 3,281,000 barrels, an increase of 153,000 barrels.

For the nation as a whole, stocks of domestic and foreign crude totaled 222,921,000 barrels, a net decrease of 553,000 barrels.

He came hurrying over the next morning.

(To Be Continued)

## Royal Exiles to Leave Romania

By WALTER KOLARZ

Bucharest, Rmania, Dec. 31 — (UP) — Former King Michael, his mother Queen Helen and 60 members of the royal court will fly into exile today while the Communist-organized government of Premier Petru Groza moves swiftly to establish a new royal court.

Announcement that the entire Romanian court would go into exile by plane only 24 hours after Michael's unexpected abdication was made by official government quarters.

This source said that the 26-year-old Michael, his mother and the 60 courtiers still are at the royal palace at Sinal where they have remained since the abdication proclamation was read to parliament yesterday.

The royal family will be sent into exile tonight on a special train to Switzerland by way of Budapest and Vienna if weather prevents.

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Michael and his mother will fly out in his private biplane, which he used to fly to London six weeks ago to attend the wedding of Princess Elizabeth. They will carry two relief pilots, indicating the flight may be a long one.

The announcement that the entire court would leave at once coincided with the government broadcasts summoning the people of every Romanian city to attend government-sponsored assemblies.

It was believed that Michael might go straight to Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark and home of his fiancée, 24-year-old Princess Anne of Bourbon Parma, for love of whom he challenged the Romanian government and lost.

An authority closely connected to the royal household said that the king's sudden abdication was foreseen neither by himself nor the government when he returned from England and Switzerland 10 days ago.

These sources said the government would not have permitted him to return if his abdication was expected so soon, even though it was generally believed in Romania that the monarchy was doomed and that it was just a matter of time.

The question of marriage to Princess Anne, these court circles said, was an issue which Michael insisted must be settled immediately and as a result his abdication was read to parliament.

The government's decision to send Michael and the entire court into exile immediately was announced only a few hours before the Romanian parliament met in emergency session to speed formation of the new "popular" republic.

The first act of Romania's 293-member government was to appoint deputies, called into session at 10 for appointing the constituent assembly which will prepare the new Romanian constitution.

The place of the monarchy as the nominal ruling head of Romania was replaced today by a council of the republic, composed of five members, sworn in late yesterday within minutes after it had been approved by parliament.

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## The Doctor Says:

By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M.D.  
Written for NEA Service  
Women, largely because men have said so repeatedly for so long, have been labeled the weaker sex. From the medical standpoint, however, this label is completely wrong.

For every 100 girls born into this world, there are about 103 boys. From the time of birth on, however, boys die off at a more rapid rate than their sisters. By the time the later years of life are reached, from 75 onward, there are more than twice as many women living as men. The change in the proportion between the sexes is brought about gradually, because more men than women die at almost every age.

Women are more resistant to the fatal effects of most diseases than men. Girls and women appear to be much more robust than boys and men. Most of them are ill more often, but they recover more quickly.

It is easy to understand why men are more prone to accidental injuries. At least this used to be the case before the days when so many women worked in industry. It is not so easy to see why men should be so much more susceptible to certain types of heart disease, like coronary thrombosis, and other disorders involving the blood vessels.

Withstand Cold, Pain  
Men can withstand cold better than women. The reason for this is at least partly because they have a thin layer of fat under the skin which helps to insulate them. Almost every doctor will agree that, on the average, women stand pain better than men do.

Whatever the cause, except in muscular strength and in endurance, involving the use of muscular strength, it would be far more accurate to consider men weaker than women the weaker sex. With an aging population and periodic wars taking off even more men, the time is not far distant, if it has not already arrived, when women will outnumber men throughout most of the country.

QUESTION: I'm a woman in my seventies. Reading anything where red and black are together, the black seems to sink in. My blood pressure is somewhat high. Do you think this might cause the eye condition?

ANSWER: High blood pressure

About 80 per cent of Egypt's 19,000,000 people earn their living from agriculture.

can cause some difficulty with vision, but it seems more likely that the eyes are at fault. Your doctor can advise you completely.

—C. B.

ANSWER: High blood pressure

## DOROTHY DIX Good Letters

A group of school girls ask me if I will give them a few suggestions about how to write a nice letter. Gladly, because there is no other thing in a girl's education that its more important than that she should be taught how to write a good letter, and here is no other one thing that is so generally neglected. A girl's letter is a perfect give-away of her tastes, her habits, her background and the amount of intelligence she possesses. It makes the standard by which you judge her, so it needs to be a good letter.

Here, nothing is more necessary than that a girl should perfect her self in the fine art of letter-writing which includes, of course, the ability to write graceful notes of thanks for favors received, jolly bread-and-butter letters, and messages of sympathy which seem to come from the heart whether they do or not.

Girls little realize how much their success in life depends upon their skill in handling a pen. A cute little note has gotten many a girl a desirable husband or a good job, and the failure to write a "thank you" note for a gift or after a week-end visit has shut many a door that she would like to enter in a girl's face.

"Don't" in Letter Writing  
So the girl who wishes to be popular, literally and figuratively, writes her first letter, and her first move in this should be in respecting the DON'TS of letter-writing. Don't write with a lead pencil, ever. Unless you can scrap up enough pen and ink to write a letter, telegraph or telephone your message.

Or use a typewriter. It used to be considered bad form to write personal letters on a machine, but now everyone is so thankful for a letter that can be read off the bat that they welcome a typewritten letter with joy. And don't write long letters. Life is short, and if you want your letter to be read make it brief. Few people can be interesting for more than four

pages, note size. Write cheerfully, or not at all. Don't tell your troubles. All of us have our own individual worries and it isn't cricket to inflict them on other people. If you can't be gay in a letter, be silent.

When you have a mad at anyone, write him or her a long letter saying all the mean things you can think of. Just let yourself go. Tell Mary just what you think of her for taking your "steady" away from you. Reproach Johnny for the breaking his date with you. But when you have exhausted your vocabulary of vituperation, don't mail your letter. Put it on ice until the next day, and you will never send it. And thereby you will

save yourself a lot of trouble. And, above all, dear little teenagers, never write a love letter to a boy until you are engaged to him and the wedding day is set. Tell a lad how you adore him, if you are bound to get it out of your system, but never put it down on paper. Of course, it is a temptation when you are just sloshing over with romance and poetic fancies to write some boy about how you are just dying with love for him, but DON'T do it. For boys don't tie up girls' love letters with blue ribbons and keep them in some sacred place. They show them to the other boys to prove what wolves they are, or they leave them around for Mother and the chambermaid to read. And let it comfort you to know that the colder your letters are, the hotter will be the boys'.

Learn to write a good letter, girls. But be careful. (Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

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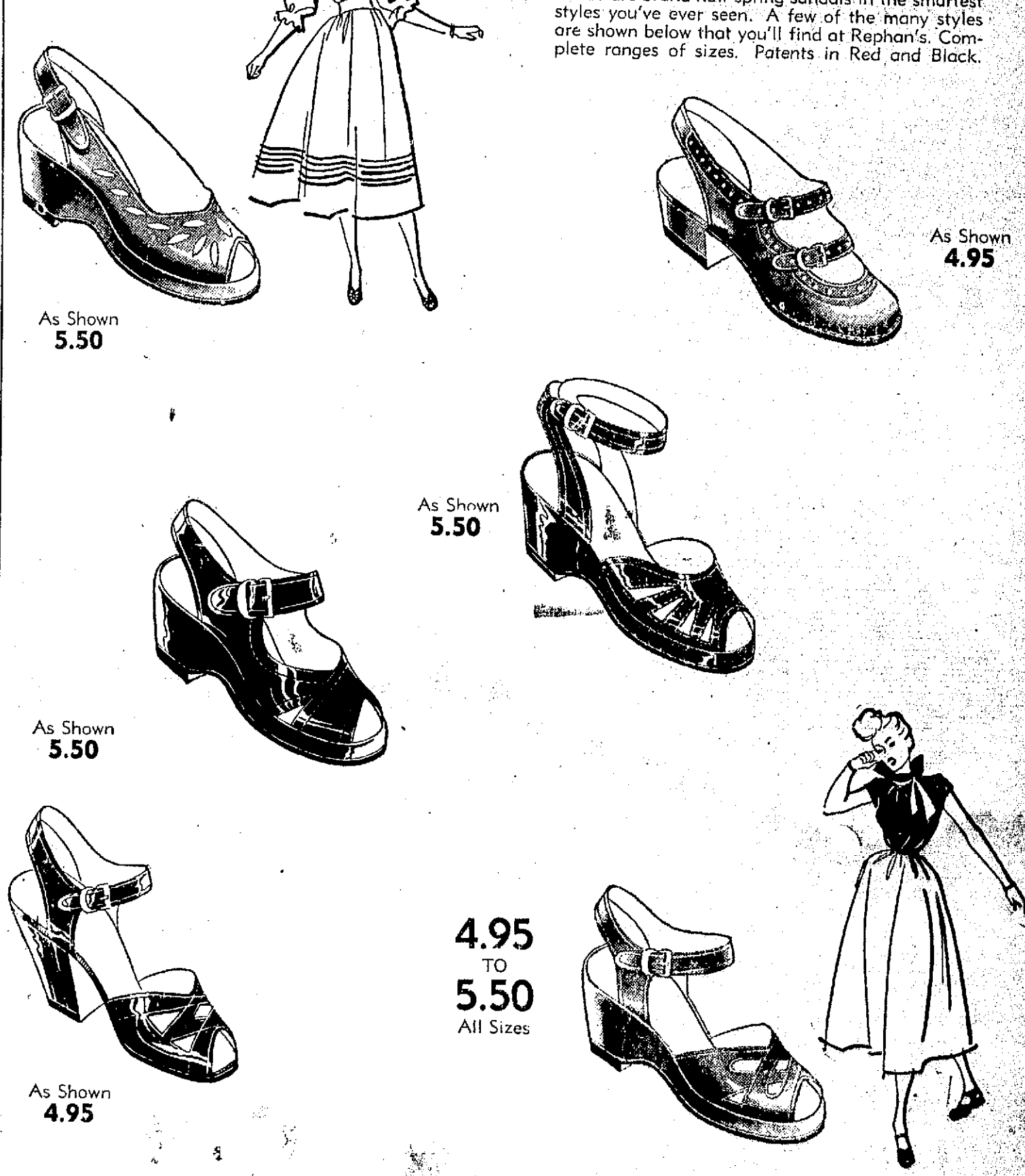
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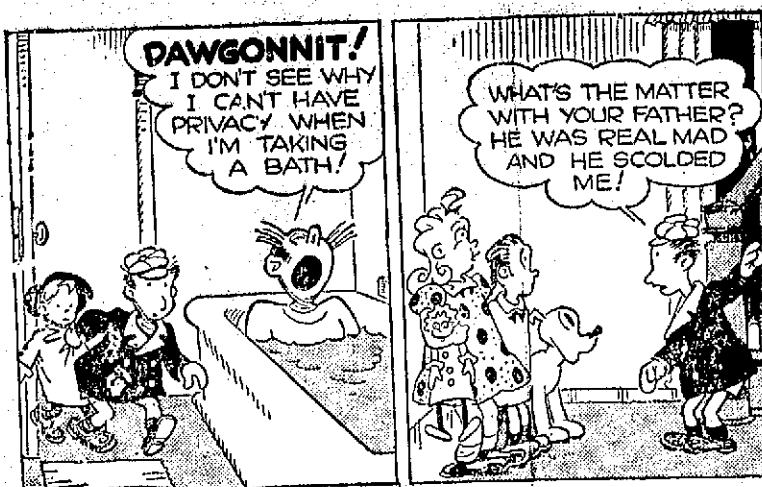
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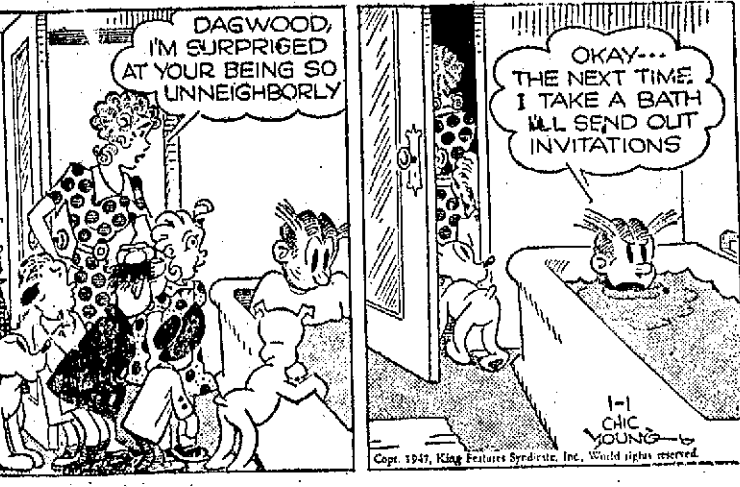


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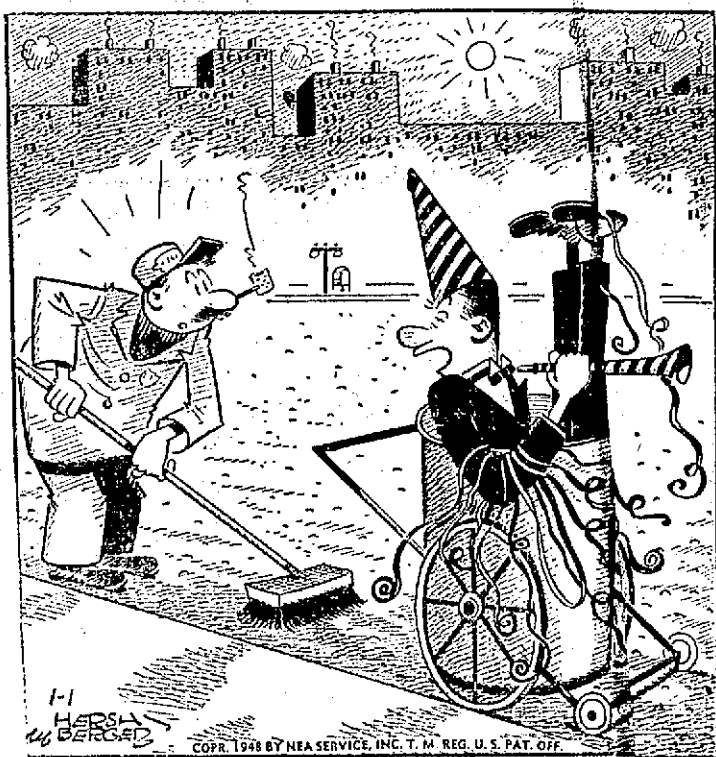
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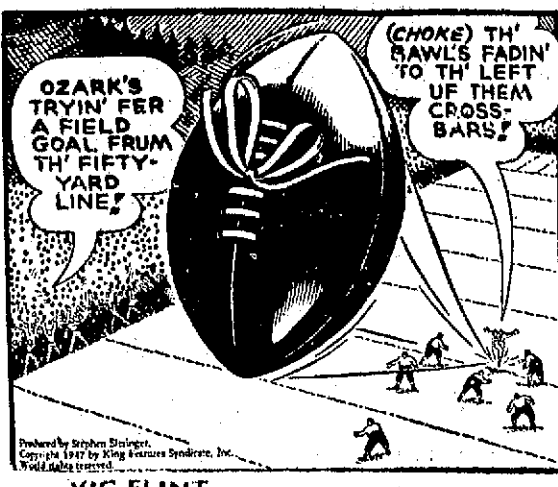


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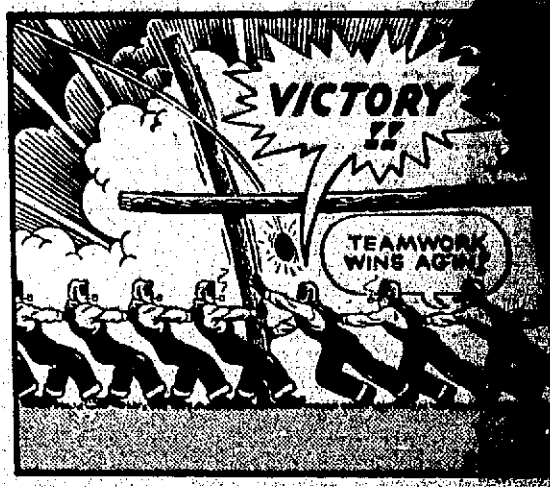
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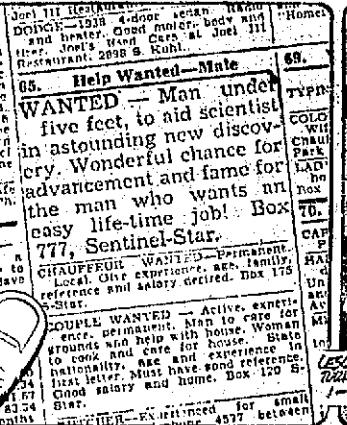
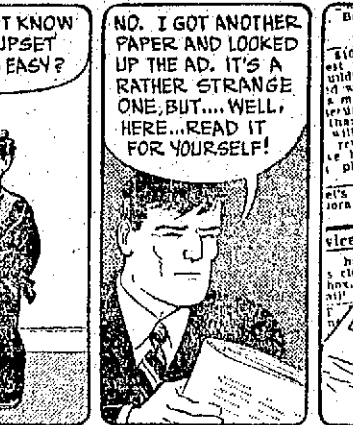
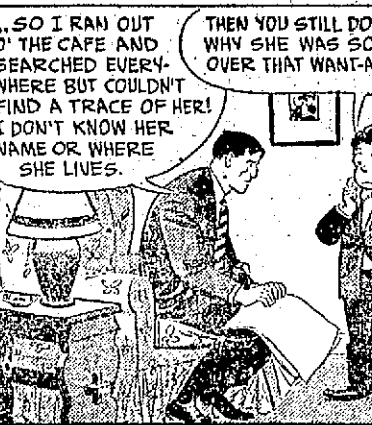
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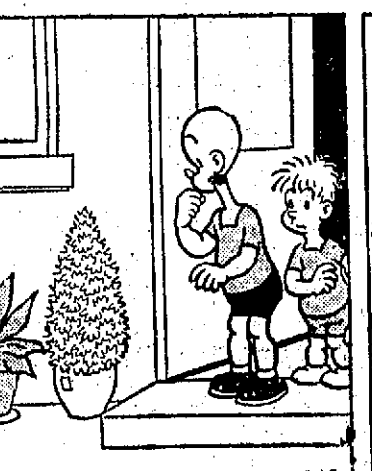


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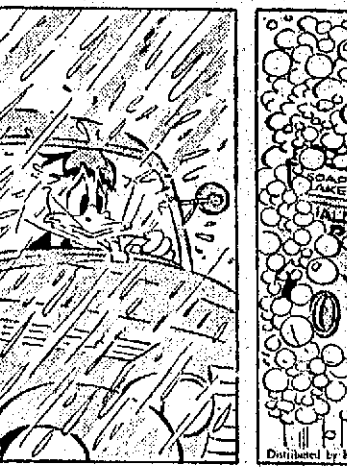
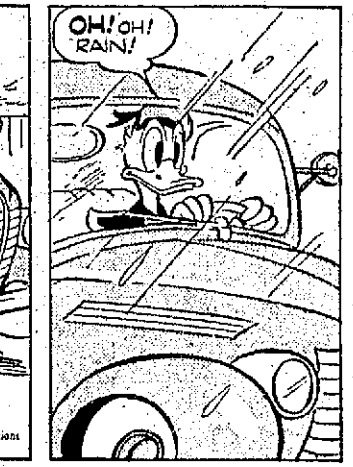
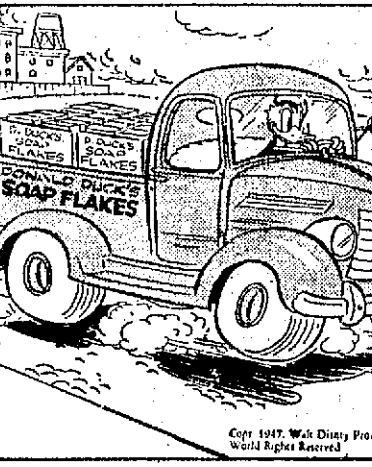


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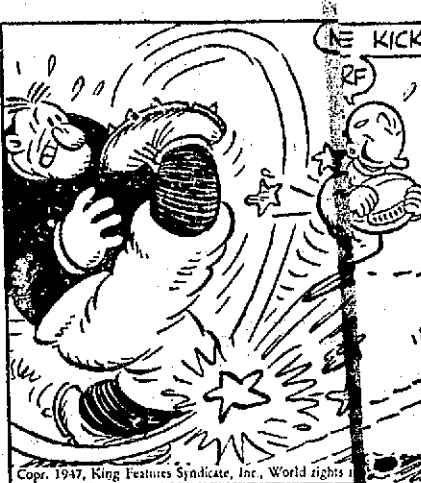


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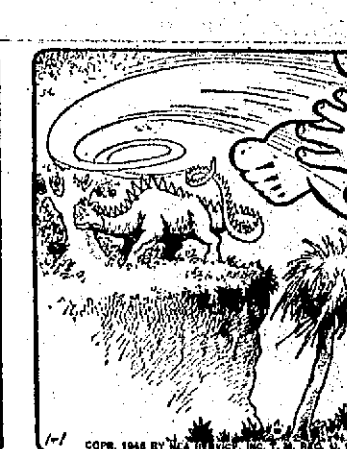
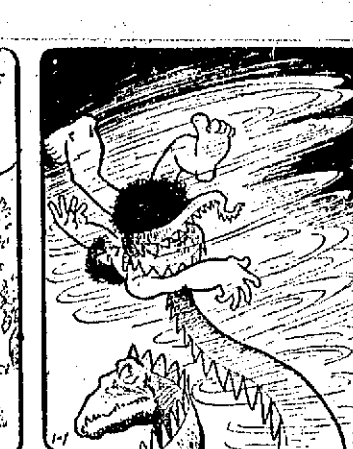


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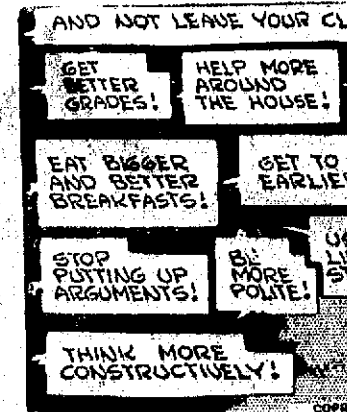
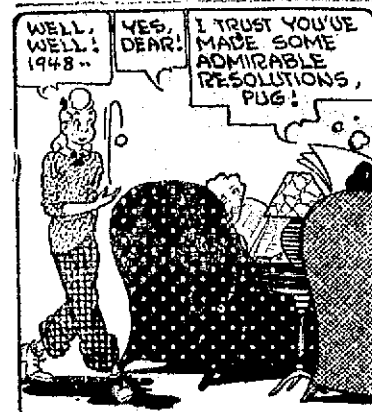
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# Believes 1948 to Be Good Year for State

By J. R. ANDERSON

Little Rock, Dec. 31 — (AP) — Gov. Laney believes 1948 will be a good year for Arkansas and his state, although it isn't a unanimous feeling.

The Associated Press asked 17 leaders in political, business, industrial and labor union life in Arkansas this question: "What do you think the coming year holds in store for our state?" Six responded.

The other 11 declined to commit themselves, which may or may not indicate they view the new year

with some uncertainty. Among those who chose to remain silent were the presidents of the state AFL and CIO union labor organizations.

Four of the five replying to the survey are optimistic about the coming year. They look for business to be as good, if not better, than in 1947, with more goods for a commodity-hungry public, including an improvement in the supply of new cars. All, however, based their predictions on the absence of some major, unforeseen development, such as a general weather setback for agriculture, an international complication or some domestic upset.

What about the carry-over problems of wages, prices and living conditions? Only passing mention to this subject was made by most of the respondents. One expressed the opinion that 1948 may bring about price reductions. Another declared he looked for gains to be made toward stabilizing wages.

# To End Free Postage to Armed Personnel

Washington, Dec. 29 — (AP) —

After midnight Wednesday, men and women of the armed services will have to pay for their business postage like everybody else.

Since March 27, 1942, all they have had to do is write "free" in the upper right hand corner of the envelope, with their name, serial number and address in the left hand corner.

The free mail law expires at the same moment 1947 passes out, but in the case of the law the expiration may not be permanent. A bill by Rep. Clason (R-Mass.) to extend it two years is before the House Armed Services Committee.

The post office department, which loses money on almost everything it does, has delivered about 3,000,000,000 — that's billions — pieces of this free mail since the law went into effect.

The peak year was 1945, when 1,033,000,000 pieces of mail were toted free for service men and women.

prices and living conditions. Elsewhere were these references: "Mounting pay-rolls" and "full employment at high wages."

Governor Laney said: "I cannot see any reason why business would not be as good in the state of Arkansas (as in 1947). Our industrial activity is at an all time high and the products that we are producing are meeting a very strong demand. I can foresee no letup in building and construction unless prices go extremely higher than they are now. With agricultural prices at an all-time high, I believe that barring unfavorable weather conditions, our agricultural products next year will be above the average."

The governor mentioned that the state and federal governments plan to spend considerable money in Arkansas next year for roads, flood control, dams and buildings.

E. P. Lambert, Little Rock president of the Arkansas Chain Stores Council, declared:

"As best we are able to forecast, based upon a careful consideration of all factors with which we are acquainted and barring unforeseen state, national or international emergencies, the retail outlook for Arkansas occurs to us to be basically sound during 1948. In fact, we find many factors which would cause a rise in the retail movement of numerous types of consumer goods. Likewise, it could be that there will be a 1948 total retail business equal to or in excess of that of 1947."

Lambert looks to continued full employment at high wages, unfilled needs of consumers and a rising trend of retail volume as factors tending to justify his prediction.

The prospect of more new cars in 1948 — with a reservation — came

# Leaps at the Idea



Helen Hatfield, Cypress Gardens, Fla., aquamaid, attractively demonstrates a feature of 1948 that a lot of girls are thinking about — it's Leap Year!

# If You Beat This You Are the Champ

Burlington, Wis., Dec. 31 — (AP) — A stratospheric story about the demise of a fly in an Oklahoma pool room, today won for a Texan the title of world's champion liar, annually bestowed by the Burlington Liars' Club.

John Hopley, of San Antonio, Tex., told the hurrowing story about the last minutes of the fly. It happened in Duke McCook's pool room at Sand, Okla., as Hopley and his friend, Charley Skorppe were playing for the championship of Boggy Creek Bottoms, according to Hopley. With Skorppe about to shoot, a fly landed atop the eight-ball and Charley said "I'm going to kill that fly."

"True good still," Hopley related, "while the boys looked bets on whether he would or not. The fly also stood pat. Everybody in the house expected Charley to loft the cue ball so it would light on top of the insect and exterminate it."

"When they got all their bets made, Charley snatched his cue and a 4-ounce solid oak Brunswick — and knocked the eight ball out from under that fly so fast that it fell on the table and broke its back."

Hopley, who receives his mail at the Southern Pacific's east yard at 1210 Duval St., San Antonio, was declared the winner in a close four-way finish. He succeeds to the champion liar title now held by Atanagio Garza, also of San Antonio, who won last year with a tale about a fish that fought so hard it worked up a sweat. Nothing that never before had the Burlington Liars club ever picked two champions from the same town, Liars' President O. C. Hulet said he was "beginning to believe those stories the Texans tell about Texas."

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# Vittorio Emanuele Brought About Downfall by Fighting Evil With Appeasement

By DeWITT MacKENZIE Foreign Affairs Analyst

Little Vittorio Emanuele, one time king of Italy, has died in Alexandria, Egypt, an exile from the land he ruled for nearly half a century — historic years in which fortune dealt with him beautifully and he ruled as a stewardship.

There is a moral to the story of any man's life, and the moral of Emanuele's tragedy is that he tried to combat a great evil with appeasement. Instead of fighting Mussolini's totalitarian creed in 1922, the monarch ignored the advice of his ministers and handed power to the Fascist leader.

That act of appeasement to all intents ended the king's reign and saddled his country with a merciless police government which was answerable to one man, Mussolini. It set a free and happy people to glancing fearfully over their shoulders before they dared converse in public. It clamped on a fierce dictatorial restraint, and made the once smiling Italy a land of dread. I saw that rule in action, and it was a fearsome thing.

Out of the weak king's appeasement grew a horrid view of aggression. The arrogant, bloody-minded Mussolini seized helpless Ethiopia by force, grabbed tiny Albania, and otherwise extended the imperial powers which were food and drink to his overwhelming vanity.

But the evil didn't end with Italy and Mussolini. Hitler drew much of his inspiration from Mussolini's success. What if Duce could do — and did, despite fervent appeasement by British Prime Minister Chamberlain and others. Totalitarianism, both Nazi and Fascist, took root in other countries until many were suffering from the malady on the vine which grew from the vine.

Finally the world war developed

seed of appeasement, and the whole globe was torn with conflict between democracy and totalitarianism. At an awful cost, nazism and fascism were smashed and the democracies thought they had won this titanic battle against totalitarianism but no so.

What many observers regard as a far more dangerous form of the ism has taken over where Hitler and Mussolini left off — communism. It is an insidious, powerfully organized force which has penetrated into virtually every nook and cranny of our globe. It finally has abandoned the underground and has declared open war against the democracies. Battles are raging in many fields, but the chief conflict of the moment is, of course, in western Europe where the Bolsheviks have sworn to defeat the Marxists plan for rehabilitation and improve Communist domination.

Even as the sounds of conflict swell ominously, there are many well-meaning lovers of peace who are calling for appeasement of Moscow. They don't use the word "appeasement" and are even shocked to hear it mentioned; but their policy of one-sided camaraderie amounts to that.

Does appeasement pay? If Emanuele's story means anything, it is that appeasement of evil can only lead to disaster.

Francis B. Sayre, president of the United Nations trusteeship council, yesterday urged in Washington that the United States should go ahead with plans for helping Europe regardless of a "Soviet campaign of calumny and blistering abuse." He also advised that "we must not daily with appeasement but 'trust with the Russian People's help if we can.'"

"A rehabilitated Europe," he declared, "will spell the collapse of Soviet plans for world domination."

# UN Summoned for Final Meet of Year

Lake Success, N. Y., Dec. 30 —

(AP) — The United Nations Security Council was summoned today for its last meeting of the year to deal with the long-debated Indonesian question.

The meeting marked the final appearance around the council table of Australia, Poland and Brazil — three of the non-permanent members who are completing their two-year terms. They are to be replaced in 1948 by Argentina, Canada and the Ukraine.

Argentina has announced that Dr. Jose Arce, her chief delegate to the U. N., will be her representative on the council. Canada and the Ukraine have not yet announced the names of their delegates.

The council, slated to convene at 3 p. m. EST, was expected to consider a "true plan" recommended by the U. N.'s good offices committee which is conducting an on-the-spot investigation of the Indonesian problem. The plan designed to achieve a quick and effective peace, already has been accepted by the Indonesian government as a working basis for discussion.

Restriction  
Veterans who served in the armed forces during peace time are entitled to government hospital benefits only if they have service-connected disabilities.

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